

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GreenStone Farm Credit Services
Corporate Offices, First Floor, Room 112
3515 West Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

MARCH 18, 2015

TENTATIVE AGENDA – Revised March 11, 2015

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call |
| | 2. | Approval of Agenda (action item) |
| | 3. | Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2015, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item) |
| | 4. | Next Scheduled Meeting (information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 13, 2015, Location: Michigan Corn Growers Association, 13750 Sedona Parkway, Lansing |
| 9:05 a.m. | 5. | Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item) |
| 9:15 a.m. | 6. | Director's Report |
| | 7. | Director's Travel – no new out of state travel planned |
| 9:20 a.m. | 8. | Public Comment on Agenda Items
In accordance with the Public Appearance Guidelines in the Commission Policy Manual, individuals wishing to address the Commission will be allowed up to three minutes for their presentation. Documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The public comment time provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment. |
| 9:35 a.m. | 9. | Soils and Water Quality: Tim Boring, Vice President, Michigan Agri-Business Association (information only) |
| 9:55 a.m. | 10. | Broadband in Michigan: Eric Frederick, Executive Director, Connect Michigan (information only) |
| 10:15 a.m. | 11. | Community Perspectives on Broadband (information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandi Chasey, Economic Development Director, Ogemaw County• Todd Wells, Sales Manager, Casair• Marilyn Passmore, Director of Government Affairs, Charter |
| 10:45 | | Break |

- 10:55 a.m. 12. **Telecommunications Association of Michigan:** Scott Stevenson, President, Telecommunications Association of Michigan (information only)
- 11:10 a.m. 13. **Agriculture Industry and Road Transportation** (information only)
- Steve Cooper, COO/General Manager, Continental Dairy Facilities
 - Jim Howe, Vice President, Star of the West Milling Company
 - Brian Geerlings, Certified Crop Adviser/Fertilizer Sales Manager, Herbrucks Poultry Ranch, Inc.
- 11:50 a.m. 14. **Transportation Funding Proposal:** Kirk Steudle, Director, Michigan Department of Transportation
- 12:10 p.m. 15. **Commissioner Issues (action item)**
- Commission Resolution – Michigan’s Transportation Infrastructure System
- 12:20 p.m. 16. **Public Comment**
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- 12:30 p.m. 17. **Adjourn (action item)**